Best Practice Carousel Questions – Personal Record of Daily Activity (“Blue Sheets”)

How do teachers access the best practice/resource?

* teachers can find the resource uploaded to the course wiki
* the template is simple enough that teachers can create their own version or may find something similar to use that serves the same purpose

What is the relevance of the best practice/resource to the curriculum and students?

* the blue sheet encourages students to assess their own performance in the classroom for the day
* the blue sheet effectively models assessment as, of, and for learning
* the blue sheet can be used in any subject, not just English
* students get the opportunity to weigh in on their own performance, progress, and success; it encourages responsibility and accountability for one’s own actions within the classroom

How was the Best Practice/Resource used with students?

* the blue sheet is used daily and a collective mark is calculated at the end of each month
* students record what they did that day and assign themselves a mark of 0, 5, or 10 for their performance during that particular class
* **0: demonstrates a lack of employability skills – unauthorized absences, ignores rules, uncooperative, disruptive to the learning of others**
* **5: demonstrates inconsistent employability skills – late, not prepared, occasionally forgets rules, frequent requests to leave the class**
* **10: demonstrates excellent employability skills – punctual, prepared, participated, follows rules, respectful of others**
* after the student assigns themselves a mark, the teacher then assesses the student’s performance for the day and assigns them a mark (the official mark by which the blue sheets are tabulated)

What was the effectiveness of the best practice/resource with students?

* the blue sheet was very effective in mapping student progress (shows absences, if a student did/did not understand a particular lesson)
* the blue sheet was a very effective classroom management tool (if the students are off task, letting them know they will receive a 5 on their blue sheet instead of a 10)
* the blue sheet is a summary of a student’s performance in the class 🡪 a calculation of the month shows if a student is succeeding or at risk of failure

What tips can you share for using the best practice/resource in the classroom?

* the blue sheet may be used in any class setting or subject (just need to change the descriptions on the back)
* was particularly useful in a vocational school 🡪 blue sheet marks based on employability skills
* helpful to students motivated by additional marks 🡪 helps to keep them on task
* great tool to use during parent teacher interviews
* very effective in maintaining a daily routine, which helps with classroom management